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EXDIS FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

FOLLOWING REPEAT JIDDA 7801 SENT ACTION TO SECSTATE INFO  
MANAMA DEC 1, 1976

QUOTE S E C R E T JIDDA 7801

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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, BA, SA, US

SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST FORCE

REF (A) STATE 283435, (B) MANAMA 1941

1. I HAVE BEEN GIVING MUCH THOUGHT TO YOUR MESSAGE CONCERNING  
MIDEASTFOR AND YOUR INSTRUCTION THAT THIS PROBLEM BE RAISED  
WITH SAUDI LEADERS AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNE MOMENT. I SHALL  
OF COURSE SEEK THAT MOMENT AND IN FACT HAVE COMMENCED  
PREPARATION FOR DEMARCHE BY RECALLING TO CROWN PRINCE OUR  
CONCERN ABOUT SOVIET ACTIVITY IN EAST AFRICA AND INDIAN OCEAN.  
I BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT YOUR CHANCE OF ENLISTING SAUDI ASSISTANCE  
WILL BE ENHANCED IF THERE IS FIRST SOME PROGRESS IN BAHRAIN  
ITSELF, PERHAPS THE RESPONSE PROMISED AMB. CLUVERIUS BY THE  
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PRIME MINISTER (REF B). IT IS QUITE UNLIKELY THAT SAUDIS WOULD

MOVE ALONG LINES WE FAVOR WHILE THE RESULTS OF THE CLEMENTS  
PITCH ON OCTOBER 24 REMAIN MOST RECENT INDICATION SAUDIS HAVE  
OF BAHRAIN ATTITUDE. WE CAN FEEL QUITE SURE THEY ARE WELL  
INFORMED ABOUT CONTENT OF THAT MEETING.

2. IF YOU FEEL OUR NATIONAL INTERESTS REQUIRE THAT WE INCUR  
RELATIVELY GREATER RISKS OF EARLY APPROACH TO SAUDIS REGARDLESS  
OF ATTITUDES IN BAHRAIN, I WILL MAKE DEMARCHE AS SOON AS I  
CAN GET AN APPOINTMENT. I MUST AND DO RECOMMEND, HOWEVER,  
AGAINST LATTER COURSE.  
PORTER UNQUOTE ROBINSON

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